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Re:

US Patent Application Serial No. 08/517,901

Title: WOUND THERAPY DEVICE AND RELATED METHODS

Docket No.: 06 2916.312

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced matter are the following:

- 1. File Wrapper Continuing (FWC) Application;
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time;
- 3. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 4. Form PTO-1449;
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In re Application of:

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests, under the File Wrapper Continuing (FWC) procedure of 37 C.F.R. § 1.62, continuation of the above-captioned application.

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The inventorship in the new application is the same as in the prior, above-captioned application and all claims of the new application are drawn only to subject matter disclosed and claimed in the prior application; therefore, no new declaration or oath is required. Please use all of the contents of the prior application's file wrapper, including the drawings and amendments, as the basic papers for the new application. The prior application is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

Domestic priority, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, is hereby claimed to the following U.S. patent applications; accordingly please amend the first sentence of the specification to read as follows:

now abandoned—This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/517,901 filed August 22, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/293,854 filed August 22, 1994.— now abandoned.

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